

- 14.—*List of the Species of the Coleopterous genus Apion (Curculionidæ) in the Collection of the South African Museum, and Descriptions of New Species.*—By L. BÉGUIN BILLECOQ, Memb. Soc. Entomol. France.

GEN. APION Herbst.

- A. africanum* Gyll.  
Natal: Durban.
- A. albolineatum* Wagner.  
Natal: Estcourt
- A. angulicolle* Gyll.  
Transvaal: Leydenburg.
- A. arrowi* Wagner.  
Cape Colony: Rondebosch, Constantia.
- A. asphaltinum* Boh.  
Natal: Durban. Rhodesia: Sebakwe.
- A. caffrum* Boh.  
Cape Colony: Hex River.
- A. considerandum* Fähr.  
Natal: Durban, Malvern. Rhodesia: Sebakwe.
- A. constrictum* Hartm.  
Rhodesia: Sebakwe.
- A. crinitum* Wagner.  
Cape Colony: Cape Town.
- A. crusculum* Faust.  
Transvaal: Johannesburg.
- A. geminum* Wagner.  
Natal: Frere.
- A. hemisphæricum* Wagner.  
Cape Colony: Cape Town.
- A. humerosum* Péringuey.  
Damaraland.
- A. rhodesiacum* Wagner.  
Natal: Estcourt.

- A. rostrale* Wagner.  
Cape Colony : Kentani.
- A. rufipes* Gyll.  
Cape Colony : Cape Town.
- A. spadiceum* Wagner.  
Natal : Estcourt.
- A. squamulatum* Gyll.  
Cape Colony : Rondebosch.
- A. transvaalense* Hartm.  
Rhodesia : Sebakwe.
- A. vetulum* Hartm.  
Natal : Estcourt.
- A. (Peripion) antiquum* Gyll.  
Cape Colony : Robben Island.
- A. (Perapion) ledouxi* Wagner.  
Natal : Estcourt.
- A. (Conapion) flexuosum* Wagner.  
S. Rhodesia : Sebakwe.
- A. (Conapion) globulipenne* Wagner.  
S. Rhodesia : Sebakwe.
- A. (Conapion) recurvum* Wagner.  
S. Rhodesia : Sebakwe.
- A. (Conapion) tenuicorne* Wagner.  
S. Rhodesia : Salisbury.
- A. (Pseudopiezotrachelus) ripicola* Hartm.  
S. Rhodesia : Sebakwe.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) angustithorax* Wagner.  
Cape Colony : Stellenbosch.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) cælebs* Wagner.  
Natal : Malvern.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) foveicolle* Hartm.  
Cape Colony : Hope Town.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) fronto* Wagner.  
Cape Colony : Tulbagh.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) fuliginosum* Wagner.  
S. Rhodesia : Sebakwe.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) hamiferum* Wagner.  
S. Rhodesia : Salisbury.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) helleri* Wagner.  
Zululand : Eshowe.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) herbsti* Gyll.  
Cape Colony : Stellenbosch

- A. (Piezotrachelus) magnirostre* Wagner.  
S. Rhodesia: Sebakwe.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) microcephalum* Wagner.  
S. Rhodesia: Salisbury.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) opulentum* Wagner.  
S. Rhodesia: Sebakwe.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) schoudeteni* Wagner  
Var. *salisburyense* Wagner.  
Natal: Durban.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) umbratum* Wagner.  
S. Rhodesia: Sebakwe.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) uncipes* Wagner.  
Cape Colony.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) varium* Wagner.  
Natal: Estcourt.
- A. (Piezotrachelus) varium* Wagner.  
Var. *rugulicolle* Wagner.  
Transvaal: Parys.

GEN. APION Herbst.

APION (sbg. RHINAPION L.B.B.) PERINGUEYI, n. sp.

Length, 4 mm. (rostr. incl.).

Nigrum, glabrum, haud nitidum praesertim in rostro (illo vero apice subnitido). Rostrum subulatum, basi ad latera profunde striato-punctatum, supra punctatum, in medio punctulatum, apice fere leve. Oculi haud prominentes. Tempora breviora. Prothorax subconicus, fortiter atque sat crebre punctatus. Elytra basi carinata, intervallis minutissime biseriatis. Pedes validi.

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*Hab.* Mozambique (Rikaka). Rev. H. Junod.

This species is evidently allied to *A. (Rhinapion) pauxillum* L.B.B. from Madagascar, in shape and colouring, but it differs in the greater size, the more superficial interocular furrows, and the punctures which are larger and more closely set.

APION HIRTISSIMUM n. sp.

Length, 3.2-3.4 mm.

Obscure brunneo-rubrum pedibus dilutioribus, haud nitidum, rostri basi, capite, thorace, elytris pedibusque pilis nigris erectis sparse instructis. Caput subconicum, vertice paulo dilatato, fronte

plana, punctulata. Oculi parvi, modice prominentes. Rostrum fere rectum, gracile, subcylindricum, basi incrassatum; ♀ longissimum (capite cum thorace longius); ♂ brevius, crassius (capite cum thorace vix æquilongum). Antennæ ante medium insertæ, gracillimæ, scapo longo, lineari, apice vix incrassato, articulo primo scapo haud latiore, articulis reliquis gracillimis, clava parva. Prothorax subconvexus, post medium coarctatus, lateribus rotundatus, postice attenuatus, dense rudeque punctatus. Elytra convexa, prothoracis basi non nullo latiora, sat elongata, fere parallela, apice obtuse rotundata, striis latis punctis magnis, intertitiis angustis, subcostatis. Femora subglobosa. Tarsi elongati, robustiores, unguibus dentatis.

*Hab.* Cape Colony: Cape Town.

#### APION EXIMIUM n. sp.

Length, 5 mm. (rostr. incl.).

Cærulæo metallescens, parum nitidum, antennis rostroque nigris, elytris, temporibus femoribusque setis nigris erectis instructis. Caput elongatum, subconicum fronte rugose punctata, rostri basi augustiore. Oculi parvi, parum prominentes. Rostrum modice arcuatum, capite cum thorace brevius, triente basali incrassatum, dein fere subito subcylindricum, apice incrassatum, fere leve, nitidum. Antennæ hispidæ, scapo gracili, apice parum inflato, articulo 1° plus duplo longiore, illo oblongo, 2°-3° elongatis, subæqualibus, 4° brevior, 5° fere quadrato, 6°-7° subglobosis, clava elongata, triarticulata. Prothorax antice et postice coarctatus, lateribus dilatato-arcuatus, convexus præsertim in medio, disco grosse rudeque punctatus, foveola basali lata, profunda. Scutellum parvum, subtriangulo. Elytra oblongo-ovata, triente apicali attenuata, basi thorace multo latiora, humeris rotundata, profunde striato-punctata, intertitiis subconvexis, striis haud latioribus. Femora modice clavata, subtus spina erecta armata. Tibiæ rectæ, sulcatæ. Tarsi robusti, pilis suberectis instructi.

*Hab.* Cape Colony: Cape Town.

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